GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1025
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STOCK OF WHEAT IN FCI GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present stock of wheat in various Food Corporation of India godowns and other godowns in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to sale wheat in the open market in view of excess stock of wheat in the Government godowns;

(c) if so, the proposed sale price of wheat;

(d) whether the Government propose to sale the excess quantity of wheat stock to those below the poverty line on the subsidised rate; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) As on 1.7.2000, the stocks of wheat in the Central Pool were of the order of 277.57 lakh M.T. out of which 113.44 lakh M.T. are with FCI and 164.13 lakh M.T. are with the state agencies.

(b) & (c) : Under the ongoing Open Market Sale scheme, wheat is being sold @ Rs.900/- perqtl. throughout the country except Punjab where FCI has been authorised to dispose of wheat at the following rates :

Month	Rate
July, 2000	Rs.700/- per qtl.
August, 2000	Rs.750/- per qtl.
September, 2000	Rs.800/- per qtl.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.